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Dear all,

Please find the attached new report from energy consultant Nancy La Placa:

"The Failure of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline to Demonstrate

Economic Development Benefit to the NC Department of Environmental Quality and the Public of North Carolina"

On behalf of the *Alliance to Protect the People and Places We Live (APPPL)* we are hoping that the

Attorney General will immediately direct DEQ to schedule new public hearings. Please see excerpt from report below and the attached, extensive report.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

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'Governor Cooper has publicly expressed and reiterated his strong opposition to oil drilling off the North Carolina shore. His strong commitment to protect our coastal communities of wealth and favor has not been equaled by a commitment to protect our state's most vulnerable environment and populations from an even greater threat to human health and safety – the proposed Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

In light of DEQ's requests and the ACP's multiple submissions that have not provided direct and detailed evidence of its economic benefit, public hearings in the three most impacted counties are needed and necessary. Public hearings will provide broad public exposure to the ACP's claims of economic development and offer the public opportunities to respond with questions, concerns, support, opposition, and suggestions. Public input on these critical issues will assist the NC DEQ in framing its final questions regarding economic development and an additional attempt to access the details needed to make an informed and fair assessment of the economic development impact, or lack thereof, of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline.

Along with DEQ staff, public hearings in Robeson, Cumberland, and Johnston Counties will provide opportunities for NC Governor Cooper, his staff, and the staff of the NC Attorney General to attend three public hearings and hear the local, regional, and statewide concerns regarding the economic development claims and official documents of the ACP that have been submitted to the NC Department of Environmental Quality. These hearings, along with the filing of public comments such as this report, will assist the NC Department of Environmental Quality in developing and submitting a request for additional information from the ACP in early 2018. It is hoped that as a result of such a request, the NC DEQ will finally receive details to the stated, unanswered questions regarding the specific economic development plans of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. With public and expert input on these critical questions and concerns and, if the ACP will be forthcoming with needed detail, the NC DEQ will finally be able to make an informed decision on the 401 Water Quality Application of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline. "

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